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## CARES ACT COVID-19 Guidance

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Time: 4:00 pm

## **Emergency Support for Kansas Seniors**

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to serve seniors across Kansas, KDADS encourages Area Agencies on Aging to deploy innovative strategies to assist seniors who are not current OAA customers and are in need of temporary aid due to the pandemic. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act provided additional funding to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) for Emergency Support for Older Americans Services under Title III B of the Older Americans Act.

- 1. KDADS <u>Field Service Manual</u> 2.6.2 B states, "The full UAI (SS-005) is required for the following services listed with funding source: a. Adult Day Care, b. Assessment, c. Attendant/Personal Care, d. Case management, e. Homemaker."
  - For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency period and to facilitated the
    provision of Emergency Support Services, the full UAI will not be required
    for seniors receiving this one-time disaster relief assistance under CARES
    Act.
  - To achieve consistency in the service process and data collection for funding source reporting, the customer may complete a Uniform Program Registration Form (UPR-001). The UPR should be used to complete KAMIS Plan of Care for these customers receiving one-time and emergency support services during the disaster.
  - Services should be coded by Activity and Administered Funding Source DISAST. If DISAST is not an available Funding Source Code, the Activity may still be use if it is available under regular OAA.
  - Refer to COVID 19 CARES Service Taxonomy Exeptions for additional taxonomy information. AAAs received guidance via email regarding approved SCA taxonomy codes that may being used with CARES funding during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery period.
- KDADS encourages the Area Agencies on Aging to establish clear communication with these customers, indicating that Emergency Support for Kansas Seniors are case-by-case services and <u>not</u> intended to support an ongoing need.
- 3. KDADS recommend asking questions about resources they have tried and exhausted, as well as what are they going to do to prevent it from happening in the future.

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